UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

In re: BAIR HUGGER FORCED AIR WARMING DEVICES PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION MDL No. 15-2666 (JNE/DTS)

DECLARATION OF BENJAMIN W. HULSE IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANTS' FIFTEENTH MOTION TO DISMISS FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH PRETRIAL ORDER NO. 14

Under 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I, Benjamin W. Hulse, hereby declare as follows:

- 1. I am an attorney at the law firm of Blackwell Burke P.A., and one of the attorneys representing 3M Company ("3M") and Arizant Healthcare Inc. ("Arizant") (collectively, "Defendants") in this litigation. I submit this declaration in support of Defendants' Fifteenth Motion to Dismiss for Failure to Comply with Pretrial Order No. 14. Unless otherwise stated, the facts set forth herein are based upon my personal knowledge, information, and belief.
- 2. Attached as Exhibit A are true and correct copies of the deficiency letters I sent on the dates indicated to counsel for the Plaintiff identified in Part B of Defendants' "Memorandum of Law in Support of Defendants' Fifteenth Motion to Dismiss for Failure to Comply with Pretrial Order No. 14."
- 3. Attached as Exhibit B is a true and correct copy of the email agreement from August 9, 2018 between parties' counsel, Ted D. Hartman and Dae Yeol Lee, regarding conditional withdrawal of the Thirteenth Motion to Dismiss as to *Parker* (17-cv-03573),

Henderson (17-cv-4517), Edwards (17-cv-04891), Johnston (17-cv-05270), and Billings

(17-cv-05277).

4. Attached as Exhibit C are true and correct copies of the final deficiency

letters I sent on the dates indicated to counsel for the Plaintiff identified in Part C of

Defendants' "Memorandum of Law in Support of Defendants' Fifteenth Motion to Dismiss

for Failure to Comply with Pretrial Order No. 14."

5. Attached as Exhibit D is a true and correct copy of Mary S. Young's August

10, 2018 email to the Court with "Defendants' PFS List 1: Overdue Plaintiff Fact Sheets,"

"Defendants' PFS List 2: Plaintiffs Who Have Not Responded to Defendants' Deficiency

Notices," and "Defendants' PFS List 3: Core Deficiencies Remained Following Notice and

Response" attached to same.

6. Attached as Exhibit E is a true and correct copy of Benjamin W. Hulse's

September 17, 2018 email to the Court with "Defendants' PFS List 1: Overdue Plaintiff

Fact Sheets," "Defendants' PFS List 2: Plaintiffs Who Have Not Responded to Defendants'

Deficiency Notices," and "Defendants' PFS List 3: Core Deficiencies Remained Following

Notice and Response" attached to same.

7. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed in Minneapolis, Minnesota, this 4th day of October, 2018.

<u>s/Benjamin W. Hulse</u>

Benjamin W. Hulse

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